Release Reporting Advisory Committee
Integration/Simplicity Workgroup
December 17, 2007 Meeting
1:30 pm

Simplicity Workgroup Notes

Location: DEP, 79 Elm Street, Room 4c, Hartford, CT

Members: Todd Berman, David Williams, Matthew Williamson, Carol Violette, John Bondos, Kate Shanley, Matt Twerdy, Robert Silvestri, Lori Saliby. *Note*: not all members were present.

Agenda Item 1 - Discussion - 12/11 Release Reporting Advisory Committee Meeting

The following topics were discussed:
- Unless regulation is very clear company policy will dictate, reporting and then that will impact at the time of transaction during database searches.
- If client unsure – tell them to report.
- Not currently ambiguous. Reporting is good and helpful.
- Inconsistency is a problem.   Different companies doing different things
- Statutes - two problems - immediately and response party.
- Statute says potential threat and so, they may have difficult idea of what is a potential threat.
- Need to help companies know what to report and issue comes to closure.
- Closure is hard to track for referral matters. New database.
- Spill closed but referral may be open longer
- Significant Hazardous Reporting

Agenda Item 2 - Re-evaluate Work Group Goals & Objectives

-Michigan Model very complex
-Connecticut has double reporting for significant environmental hazards due to overlap of requirements for release reporting and significant environmental hazard reporting.
-Fatal flaw for spill reporting not to deal with significant hazard reporting
-Public safety triage – spills, USTS, significant hazard reporting
-How many significant hazard reporting notifications do they get every year?
-Need to mesh all three reporting requirements into one clearinghouse
-Will present this model at next Advisory meeting. Todd indicated that he will work up a graphic.
-Largest universe of release is petroleum.

Agenda Item 3 - Re-evaluate Meeting Schedule

The workgroup decided to not schedule any further meetings until after the January 10, 2008 Advisory Committee. The group also indicated that they would like to meet in the in white board room.